Public Utility Commission of Texas

Memorandum

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Cliff Crouch, Retail Market Analyst

Competitive Markets

DATE: December 8, 2011

RE: Project No. 39717 – Draft Rule

On December 1, 2011, commission staff (Staff) filed a Public Notice of Workshop and Request for Comments. The notice is to be published in the Texas Register on December 16, 2011. The notice was to inform parties of a planned workshop to be held at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 25, 2012 in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, to discuss amending commission substantive rules relating to the Texas Universal Service Fund and Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) service. In the notice, Staff stated that it would file a draft rule on December 20th and requested interested parties to file comments to the draft rule no later than January 19, 2012. Staff is filing the draft rule earlier than anticipated.

Attached for review and comments by all interested parties is the draft rule referenced in the public notice. The draft rule would amend §§26.401 and 26.420. As stated in the public notice, written comments and any additional comments at the workshop will assist the commission in the rulemaking process.

Questions concerning the draft rule should be referred to Cliff Crouch, Retail Market Analyst, Competitive Markets Division, (512) 936-7296.